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THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS Divine Setting Three ~ LSB 184 January 5, 2020

As We Gather ~ *Jesus Is the Perfect Israel*

Israel and all his family went and dwelt in Egypt (Gen. 46:1–7). God made a great nation of him there, but that nation would prove unfaithful to the Lord. Therefore, the New Israel came. In fleeing the murderous Herod, our young Lord goes to Egypt (Matt. 2:13–23), that the prophecy might be fulfilled, “Out of Egypt I called my Son” (Hos. 11:1). Jesus brings to perfection what old Israel could not. He is the faithful Israel, the embodiment of the people of God. He offers His perfect and holy life in place of our own. He submits Himself to persecution and suffering in order to save us. Therefore, we should not think it strange when we who are in Christ experience trials because of the faith (1 Pet. 4:12–19). Rather, we rejoice to share in Christ’s sufferings, knowing that we will also share in His glory.

Announcements

(Please stand, if able)

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Confession/Absolution

LSB 184

Entrance Hymn “*God Moves in a Mysterious Way*”

LSB 765

Kyrie

LSB 186

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Please be seated)

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 46:1–7

1So Israel took his journey with all that he had and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac. 2And God spoke to Israel in visions of the night and said, “Jacob, Jacob.” And he said, “Here am I.” 3Then he said, “I am God, the God of your father. Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for there I will make you into a great nation. 4I myself will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also bring you up again, and Joseph’s hand shall close your eyes.”

5Then Jacob set out from Beersheba. The sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons that Pharaoh had sent to carry him. 6They also took their livestock and their goods, which they had gained in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob and all his offspring with him, 7his sons, and his sons’ sons with him, his daughters, and his sons’ daughters. All his offspring he brought with him into Egypt.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the nations,
that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.
**You, O LORD, are our Father,
our Redeemer from of old is your name.**

Epistle

1 Peter 4:12–19

12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. 13 But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. 14 If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. 15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. 16 Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. 17 For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? 18 And

“If the righteous is scarcely saved,
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”

19 Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, if able)

Alleluia

LSB 190

Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:13-23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

13 When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.”

14 And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt 15 and remained there until the death of Herod.

This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

16Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. 17Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

18“A voice was heard in Ramah,
weeping and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.”

19But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, 20saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” 21And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. 22But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. 23And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

LSB 191

(Please be seated)

Hymn “When Aimless Violence Takes Those We Love”

LSB 764

Sermon “Often Disappointed, But Never Surprised”

(Please stand, if able)

Offertory

LSB 192

(Please be seated)

Offering

(Please stand, if able)

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

LSB 194

Distribution Hymns

"From East to West"

LSB 385

"What Child Is This"

LSB 370

(Please stand, if able)

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

Post-Communion Collect

LSB 201

Salutation and Benedicamus

LSB 201

Benediction

LSB 202

Hymn *"O Jesus Christ, Thy Manger Is"*

LSB 372

Welcome!

Please sign our guest book, or a guest card in the pew and place in the offering plate before leaving. Please join us for fellowship after the service.

Scripture Lessons for next Sunday: Isaiah 42:1-7, 1 Corinthians 1:26–31 and Matthew 3:13–17.

Communion Statement: As we learn from 1 Corinthians, when we commune together we make a confession of our oneness in doctrine and understanding of God’s Word. Since those who show publicly that they agree with the teachings believed, taught, and confessed by the Pastor and congregation at which the Sacrament is distributed, we ask that those who are not members in good standing of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, or one of our sister churches to please refrain from partaking of the Sacrament. Instead, if you would like to receive a blessing, you are more than welcome to come to the altar rail and please indicate you would like to receive a blessing by crossing your arms in front of your chest. A list of church bodies with whom we share Altar and Pulpit fellowship is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. If you would like to visit about this doctrine and practice, please talk to Pastor or an Elder. For further study on this matter see *Matthew 5:23ff, 18:15-35, 26:26-39; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20* and *1 Cor. 11:17-34*. Thank you.

Stewardship: 1 Peter 4:17 – “For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?” The Gospel had freed us from all fear. God the Father loves us to the ends of love, and He has sent His Son to die for us and call us into His kingdom through the rebirth of water and Spirit. Saint Peter views this not as an excuse to sin but as encouragement for godly living. The judgment of the Lord is a real event, and it applies to the household of God. As members of His household, we desire to serve Him.

Sunday School: Today in Sunday School, the children learn the story of “Jesus Changes Water into Wine” at the wedding in Cana. Through His first miracle, Jesus revealed Himself to be true God. God uses His Word and physical means—water, bread, and wine—to reveal to us that Jesus is our Savior. Discuss the story with your children: “How we are like the disciples, not sure just who Jesus is? How do we sometimes doubt Him and His Word?”

Building Healthy Families for Jan 5th: Did You Know: No matter your age, you can keep dreaming. What dream has God placed on your heart for your walk with Him in this new year? “You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.” C.S. Lewis Lutheran Family Service is Iowa’s only Recognized Service Organization (RSO) by the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) for Pregnancy Support, Adoption Services, Family Wellness, Mental Health & Marriage Counseling. Find help at LutheranFamilyService.org ~**Lutheran Family Service of Iowa: Des Moines (515) 251-4900.**

Life Quote for Jan 5th: “As this New Year begins and you make resolutions of things to do for yourself, consider ways in which you could spend one hour a week helping someone in need—at a crisis pregnancy center, a hospice house, a nursing home, etc.” Rev. Scott Licht, National Director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org ~ **A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life www.lutheransforlife.org**

Lutheran Hour Ministries for Jan. 12th: Hear “People are Treasure” based on Genesis 39 by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. ~ **Listen next Sunday on 600 WMT at 6:30 a.m., 1190 KFJB at 8:30 a.m., WHO-1040 at 7:30 a.m., & 1410 KGRN at 7:30 a.m.**

Life Thought in the Church Year for Jan 5th: “And the child [Jesus] grew” (Luke 2:40, 52). The familiar hymn illustrates this Gospel: “Tears and smiles like us He knew; and He feels for all our sadness, and He shares in all our gladness.” Our God did not descend only for an event or an activity. He has inhabited human life and its condition. Jesus touches every age and stage of our existence and development, from fertilization to final breath, with almighty compassion.

Cleaning: Household(s) responsible for the week of 1/5—1/11 is **Mergen**. Household(s) responsible for the week of 1/12—1/18 is **Mintle**. If it is your week to clean church & you have other obligations or prefer to write a check rather than cleaning, the cost is \$50. Please contact Amber Carnine (641-990-5985) no later than the Thursday of the week before it is your week to clean.

Council Meeting next Sunday at 8am.

A DAILY, 15-MINUTE, VERSE-BY-VERSE BIBLE STUDY...Do you want to spend more time in God's Word, but your tight schedule doesn't permit you to sit down with your Bible? Do you sometimes find the Bible confusing? The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a podcast hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. Pastor Weedon is leading a study on the Gospel of John. You can listen at your convenience at thewordendures.org and on the LPR mobile app.

Snowbirds: To those of you that "fly" south for the winter and would like your monthly newsletter mailed to you, please submit your address, date departing and date returning, to the church office. Even those that have submitted their address in the past, please do so again to make sure we have the correct address. If you would like to "go green" and have your newsletter e-mailed to you, please submit your e-mail address. The newsletter can also be read online at www.immanuelgrinnell.org Thank You!

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and gifts this Christmas season. May the Lord bless and keep you during this new year!
~ Pastor and family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

**Installation of Officers &
Newly Elected Board Members**

Voters' Assembly after the service

Confirmation Memory Work

Wednesday, January 8th

5th & 6th

Confession: *What do you believe
according to these words?*

7th & 8th

Baptism: 3rd part

SERVING SCHEDULE

TODAY

Organist: Esther Huedepohl
 Elder: Darlo Kelting
 Greeter: Harms
 Ushers: Randy Carnine & Kevin Schultz
 Servers: Sharon Krumm & Diane Schultz
 Acolyte/Crucifier: Ellie Mintle & Sloane McDonough

MONDAY

Organist: Esther Huedepohl
 Elder: Steve Haase
 Greeter: Heimsoth
 Ushers: Ben & Oliver Louden
 Acolyte/Crucifier: Joey & Elizabeth Koepf

SUNDAY

Organist: Esther Huedepohl
 Elder: Ken Mergen
 Greeter: Honold
 Ushers: Dale & Gavin Gilman
 Servers: Robin Marcinik & Kathy Stanek
 Acolyte/Crucifier: Ellie Mintle & Sloane McDonough

WEEKLY OFFERINGS AND ATTENDANCE

Dec. 24	Attendance	----	Dec. 25	Attendance	21
	General Fund	\$281.00		Communion	17
				General Fund	\$85.00
Dec. 29	Attendance	53			
	Communion	36			
	General Fund	\$14,411.00			

WEEK AHEAD

Today	8am	Elders Meeting
	9am	Second Sunday after Christmas
	10:30am	Christian Education/Bible Study
Mon.	1pm	Greek Study
	6:30pm	The Epiphany of Our Lord
Tues.	4pm	Board of Education
Wed.	10:30am	Windsor Manor Service
	Noon	Grinnell Ministerial Association
	4-5:30pm	5th & 6th Grades Confirmation
	5:30-7pm	7th & 8th Grades Confirmation
Thurs.	11am	Bible Study
Next Sun.	8am	Council Meeting
	9am	The Baptism of Our Lord
	10:30 am	Christian Education/Bible Study

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LCMS Stewardship Ministry
Newsletter Article – January 2020

Our God is a God who works through means. He can and has worked immediately without agency, as the Bible testifies, but primarily, on the whole and for the most part, our God works through means. He does this not only for all of our earthly needs but also for all of our spiritual needs. And He does this for our benefit.

He provides for all our needs of this body and life through means. He gives us fathers and mothers to care for us when we are young. Through them, God provides house and home, food and clothing, education and training in the arts and work of this world.

He gives us good government to protect us from harm and danger; He gives us faithful neighbors and good friends to help in times of need and lack. He gives us employers who trade our work for income so that we may acquire the needs of the body. He gives us brains and brawn so that we will have something to trade with those employers for that needed income. This work, which we are able to do only because of what God has provided to us, redounds to the benefit of others. And so, the cycle of God giving through means continues.

He provides for all our needs of our souls. He sent His Son into the flesh to be our Savior. In that body, our Lord Jesus Christ lived the life that God demands of us all – a life we have failed to live because of our sins – and, in that body, He made payment for those sins on the cross, once and for all.

God delivers this forgiveness through the means of His Word and Sacraments. He calls pastors to proclaim, in His stead and by His command, that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Through these same pastors, God Himself claims us as His own in Holy Baptism, placing His own name on us in water and Word, igniting faith by the gift of the Holy Spirit. And He gives us His life-giving body and blood to nourish us in this same faith until the end. Our God is a God who works through means.

This is true also of stewardship. This is what St. Paul wrote in Philippians:

“I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 4:18–19).

The gift St. Paul received from the Philippian church is a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. They gave to God. God provided for St. Paul through the Philippians. And the God who loves both Paul and the Philippians will supply their every need according to the riches in Christ Jesus. Our God is a God who works through means.

“For all the promises of God find their Yes in [Jesus Christ],” St. Paul tells us in 2 Cor. 1:20. This is true also of you. Trust in the God who provides for all that we need in body and soul through means. And not only will you find His “yes” to you, but others will find it, too, through you. “But as you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you – see that you excel in this act of grace also” (2 Cor. 8:7).